

MAYOR THOMPSON AND THE LABOR VOTE

A reader of The Day Book dropped into the office this morning and requested that we print the following. He claims Thompson as a good friend of his and only wants his article published in a way of suggestion. Here it is:

In these days there is hardly a problem connected with education, civics, economics or public administration but is being interpreted from two distinct angles, viz.,

1. The standpoint of the employing class.

2. The standpoint of the wage-earning class.

While it is needless to assert that conclusions arrived at from these different viewpoints are usually diametrically opposed to each other, the former perpetuating privilege, the latter demanding equal opportunity, the docility and forbearance of the great working class under the surrounding circumstances is beyond the power of mind or spirit to solve.

William Hale Thompson belongs to the employing class. From 80 to 90 per cent of the votes that elected him were cast by working men and women.

No sooner was Mayor Thompson elected than he announced he would surround himself with "big" men and we know that there are big men in both the employing and the labor ranks, yet in his conferences and appointments he has absolutely ignored labor sympathizers, although they deposited more than 80 per cent of the ballots that elected him.

Is this class consciousness or is it plain ignorance?

The advisory committee of 100 "big men" selected by Mayor Thompson for the Sherman house lunch represented Chicago's money aristocracy with all the ter mimples. There was not a "big labor man" or labor sympathizer in the bunch, although it is easy to name several, any one of whom know more about government

and economics than the entire galaxy of Chicago's dollar nobility combined.

Mayor Thompson's cabinet appointments are each millionaires or leisure class representatives who will interpret all their problems from the employing class standpoint.

Did the 80 per cent of labor voters who elected Thompson expect this? Do they know what this means to the cause of labor? Are they satisfied to vote on without representatives in the council of those whom they elect?

Wouldn't it be a good idea for Mayor Thompson to let thinking labor men have a say in his doings and plans for the coming four years as well as the other business men of Chicago?

HUNT GIRL IN MAN'S DEATH

Clara Garton, 18, of Yorkville, Mich., is today being sought by the police who are endeavoring to throw some light on the mysterious death of Burt Aikman, owner of a delicatessen store at 3659 Indiana av., whose body was found in his store yesterday.

Aikman has been dead for several days. Apparently he had been poisoned.

Miss aGrton had been introduced to some of the neighbors as his daughter and to others as his wife.

SUNDAY JOLTS "MEN ONLY"

Paterson, N. J., April 26.—Sweating under the fiery language of one of Billy Sunday's hottest "For Men Only" sermons and sizzling in a 90-degree atmosphere, 9,000 men yesterday heard the sawdust evangelist plead against the booze habit.

"Oh, if you Presbyterians would pass the booze by instead of talking about New Jerusalem," said Sunday, "or you Baptists would stop yelling 'water, water,' while two-thirds of your bunch are going where they can't get a drop, you'd soon clean up this saloon-filled brewery controlled community for Christ."